Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 23 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 24 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 23 Apr 2023 at 03:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold, showery, windy weather on Sunday, easing on Monday. Also high confidence for drier, brighter, less windy weather on Tuesday and much of Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 23 Apr 2023: Sleet and snow showers, mostly northeast of area. Rain at lower levels. Drier, brighter over hills near to West Coast. Windy and feeling bitterly cold at higher elevations.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 23 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	50%	40%	30%	30%

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Weather: Rather cloudy with sleet and snow showers, falling as rain below 400m. Showers most frequent over north and east of area. There will be fewer showers and more sunshine over hills close to West Coast such as mountains of Knoydart, Skye and Torridon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in southwest, 30% in northeast.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility away from showers with patches of cloud about 700m but main canopy of cloud just above many of the tops. Marked deteriorations to very poor visibility as wintry showers pass by with clouds lower down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/30 NE	26/31 NE	28/35 NE	31/39 NE	33/41 NE	31/39 NE	25/32 N
900	24/28 NE	24/29 NE	26/34 NE	29/38 NE	30/39 NE	28/35 NE	23/30 N
600	20/24 NE	21/26 NE	22/30 NE	24/33 NE	23/32 NE	20/28 NE	18/25 N
300	6/25 NE	6/26 NE	9/30 NE	10/33 NE	9/32 NE	8/29 NE	6/25 N
Glen	12/25 NE	15/29 NE	18/34 NE	16/33 NE	17/34 NE	14/29 NE	10/23 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-13
900	-0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12
600	2/-4	1/-5	1/-5	1/-6	0/-7	-1/-8	-2/-8
300	4/2	4/2	4/1	4/0	3/-1	2/-2	1/-2
Glen	7/4	7/3	7/3	7/3	6/1	4/-0	4/-0
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	600m	600m	400m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note winter-like conditions on higher ridges and summits, especially in northeast of area where snow showers are more frequent.

Forecast for Monday 24 Apr 2023
Weather: Bright spells and scattered sleet and snow showers. The odd heavier snow shower is likely but passing by quickly. Feeling bitterly cold in the strong winds on the tops.

Maximum wind: Strong northerly winds, average speeds 30mph and gusts 45 to 50mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with occasional cloud cover around 700m. Temporary reductions to very poor visibility as snow showers pass by with more extensive cloud cover lower down the hills.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m lowering to 300m later in the day.

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